# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1413
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NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO. 203
PARSURAM MAJHI

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have a proposal for the extension of National Highway No.203 from Puri to Satapada via Brahmagiri in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether the work would be taken up during 2003-2004; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in the Matter?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a)to(c) A proposal for the extension of National Highway No.203 from Puri to Satapada via Brahmagiri was received from the State Government of Orissa. It was returned to them in June 2002 for review based on the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways. Presently, there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may, however, consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highways into National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.